

**State of Alaska
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Law
Office of the Attorney General
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Office of the Attorney General

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Component Mission

The mission statement for the Attorney General is included at the department level.

Component Services Provided

The Attorney General is the principal executive officer of the Alaska Department of Law. In this role he is responsible for both the legal and the administrative aspects of the department's operations. This component supports the Attorney General and his immediate staff as he carries out his statutorily defined functions.

The Attorney General serves as legal advisor for the governor and other state officers. In addition, the Attorney General is responsible for representing the state in all civil actions to which it is a party; prosecuting all cases involving violation of state law; administering state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions and giving advice on laws or proposed legislation; drafting legal instruments for the state; and bringing, prosecuting, and defending all necessary actions in the name of the state for the collection of revenue.

Component Goals and Strategies

Protect the interests of Alaska citizens and the resources of the state by ensuring that effective, high-quality legal services are provided to state agencies and officers.

Ensure that the civil and criminal laws of the state are followed.

Assist law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations by providing legal and tactical advice.

Enhance oversight of the department's Indian Law work.

Enhance oversight of the department's oil and gas work.

Reduce fraud in benefit programs.

Represent and defend the state in legal actions.

Implement the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Manage the department's resources effectively and efficiently to provide support for the work of the department's employees.

Participate actively in interdepartmental efforts to improve government services to Alaskans.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Key Issues are included at the department level.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Accomplishments are shown at the Department level.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

| | FY2002 Actuals | FY2003 Authorized | FY2004 Governor |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 254.0 | 259.0 | 465.7 |
| 72000 Travel | 26.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 |
| 73000 Contractual | 54.1 | 67.0 | 141.7 |
| 74000 Supplies | 2.0 | 8.8 | 12.8 |
| 75000 Equipment | 1.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 |
| 76000 Land/Buildings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 77000 Grants, Claims | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 337.1 | 344.8 | 655.2 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 337.1 | 344.8 | 655.2 |
| Funding Totals | 337.1 | 344.8 | 655.2 |

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

While the role of the Attorney General remains the same, this budget includes enhanced direct oversight of certain areas of law as part of the Attorney General's budget component. An Assistant Attorney General to oversee oil and gas legal work statewide is transferred from the Oil & Gas Litigation BRU and its components as part of the elimination of redundancy in the department's budget structure and the consolidation of that effort into the Civil Division's Oil, Gas and Mining component. Additionally, a vacant Assistant Attorney General position and funding is transferred to the Attorney General component to advise the Attorney General on matters of Indian law and to function as Chief of Staff. That funding and the position are transferred from Statehood Defense as part of the elimination of the stand-alone Statehood Defense BRU and the creation of a new Statehood Defense component within the Civil Division.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2003 Authorized | 344.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 344.8 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -PCN 03-0338 from Statehood Defense | 160.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 160.0 |
| -\$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 |
| -Funding from Oil & Gas Litigation Component | 160.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 160.0 |
| -To Administrative Services to adjust vacancy by fund source | -13.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -13.2 |
| FY2004 Governor | 655.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 655.2 |

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Personal Services Information

| | Authorized Positions | | Personal Services Costs | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u> | <u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u> | | |
| Full-time | 3 | 5 | Annual Salaries | 360,941 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0 | Premium Pay | 0 |
| Nonpermanent | 0 | 0 | Annual Benefits | 104,754 |
| | | | <i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i> | (0) |
| | | | Lump Sum Premium Pay | 0 |
| Totals | 3 | 5 | Total Personal Services | 465,695 |

Position Classification Summary

| Job Class Title | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau | Others | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Attorney V | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Attorney VI | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Commissioner | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Exec Secretary II | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Spec Asst To The Comm II | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |